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SUBJECT: CIVAIR : WORLD AIRWAYS CHARTER PROBLEM

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1. SUMMARY- SGAC AGAIN REFUSED AUTHORIZE WORLD AIRWAYS FLIGHTS FROM LOS ANGELES BUT DISPOSED APPROVE LAS VEGAS AS ALTERNATIVE POINT OF ORIGIN. WORLD AIRWAYS AMENDING REQUESTS FOR AUTHORIZATION ACCORDINGLY. END SUMMARY.

2. UPON RECEIPT THIS MORNING COPIES HUGHES LETTERS TO SGAC REFILING FOR THREE LOS ANGELES FLIGHTS AND AFTER TALKING TO HUGHES IN LONDON, WE CONTACTED THOMASSET ALONG LINES PARA 7 REFTEL. SHE HAD RECEIVED NEW FILINGS BUT WAS ADAMANT IN REFUSING RECONSIDER. MOREOVER , WAS EVIDENT WORLD AIRWAYS WAS FAST USING UP ITS GOOD WILL. (ABRAHAM ABSENT THIS WEEK BUT LITTLE LIKELIHOOD HE WOULD HAVE OVERRULED THOMASSET ANYWAY.)

3. SGAC HAD EARLIER REJECTED OUT OF HAND AS HARDLY SERIOUS A WORLD AIRWAYS PROPOSAL TO SUBSTITUTE OAKLAND, CALIF. AS " NON- WEST COAST" ORIGIN POINT IN LIEU OF LOS ANGELES. THOMASSET DID RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY, HOWEVER, TO OUR HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION WHETHER THE THREE FLIGHTS COULD BE AUTHORIZED FROM SOME INLAND POINT -- DENVER, FOR EXAMPLE-- WITH WORLD AIRWAYS

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TRANSPORTING CHARTER GROUPS TO INLAND POINT OF " DEPARTURE".
IN INFORMING HUGHES OF FOREGOING WE NOTED ABSORPTION INLAND
TRAVEL FROM ITS PACKAGE TOUR EARNINGS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE
LESS COSTLY TO WORLD AIRWAYS THAN LITIGATION IT CLAIMED BE
THREATENED WITH IF FORCED CANCEL TOURS AT LAST MINUTE IN
ABSENCE SGAC AUTHORIZATION.

4. AT HUGHES REQUEST WE INQUIRED OF THOMASSET WHETHER LAS VEGAS
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE IN LIEU LOS ANGELES AS POINT OF ORIGIN THREE
FLIGHTS. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION THOMASSET SAID WOULD AUTHORIZE AND
HUGHES IS ACCORDINGLY REFILE FOR LAS VEGAS.
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